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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the question of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, under this item, at its 4th and 6th meetings, on 27 September and 2 October 2000. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.4 and 6).

3. For its consideration of the question the Committee had before it the report of the Joint Inspection Unit[1] and a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Unit for 2000 and the preliminary list of potential reports for 2001 and beyond (A/54/960).

4. At the 4th meeting, on 27 September, the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit made a statement and introduced the report of the Unit[1] (see A/C.5/55/SR.4).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.5

5. At the 6th meeting, on 2 October, the representative of the Republic of Korea, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations,

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/55/34).

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introduced a draft resolution entitled "Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit" (A/C.5/55/L.5).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.5 without a vote (see para. 8).

7. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba (see A/C.5/55/SR.6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/16 of 29 October 1999,

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1999;[2]

2. *Also takes note* of the programme of work of the Unit for 2000 and the preliminary list of potential reports for 2001 and beyond;[3]

3. *Stresses* the importance of timely consideration of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit by all participating organizations;

4. *Looks forward* to the report requested in paragraph 6 of its resolution 54/16 concerning progress made in the implementation of the system of follow-up to the recommendations of the Unit;

5. *Recognizes* the critical role of legislative bodies, their secretariats and the Joint Inspection Unit in the success of the implementation of the system;

6. *Takes note* of paragraphs 19 and 20 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1998[4] and reaffirms article 20 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit and paragraph 182 of General Assembly resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999 and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to submit the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the budget proposals made by the Unit as required by the statute;

7. *Invites* the Joint Inspection Unit to continue to develop interaction with other United Nations oversight bodies and to intensify relations with the oversight bodies of other participating organizations with a view to achieving better coordination and sharing best practices;

8. *Decides* to consider the annual reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on an annual basis.

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[2] Ibid.

[3] See A/54/960.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/54/34).